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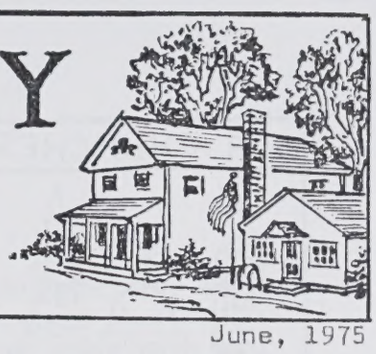

June, 1975

OUR TOWN

Newman Abercrombie Retirement Dinner

It was a festive occasion and the Town turned out in droves to honor Newman Abercrombie upon his retirement from the Board of Assessors after 38 years of devoted service. The dinner was held at Cilldara House and, among other tributes, gifts and citations showered on Newman Abercrombie, was one from Governor Dukakis, presented by Robert Guidi, representing the State and County Assessors. We are fortunate that Newman Abercrombie will continue for the time being as our faithful Town Librarian but the Assessors well recognize the measure of the member of their Board to whom they have bid farewell.

Food Preservation and Safety Meeting June 17

On Tuesday, June 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Mrs. Nancy Brinch, of the Berkshire County Extension Service, will be available in the church basement to answer any questions concerning canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables. She will be equipped to give demonstrations of her explanations.

Special Town Meeting June 18

There will be a special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. The Article to be considered is "to see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $15,500, or any other sum, to be expended by the Conservation Commission under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to make a chemical, physical and biological inventory of Lake Buel for a one-year period for the purpose of determining the most efficient method or methods of preventing eutrophication of the lake; the study is to be made in cooperation with the Berkshire County Water Quality Program and the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen are authorized to apply for and receive additional or matching funds under federal or state programs; or take any other action relative thereto."

This is the result of efforts on the part of the Lake Buel Improvement Association since the fall of 1974. The Lake Buel Improvement Association is an ad hoc committee having no connection with the Lake Buel Association. It is composed of Mr. and Mrs. John Pizzichemi, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vorck and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Williams, year-round residents, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shulock, summer residents, all of whom feel great concern over the worsening condition of the lake. They have met regularly since the fall and have gathered all types of information such as maps, inventories, dye test studies, general reports and material on treatment methods from the Selectmen and other outside sources. The treatment possibilities studied were chemicals, aeration, dredging, the white amur fish, weed harvesting and damming.

In February 1975 the group contacted Dr. Robert Coler of the University of Massachusetts. As a result of their first meeting with Dr. Coler a proposed limnological survey of Lake Buel was presented to the group at a special meeting on February 28, at which the Monterey Selectmen and representatives of the Finance Committee and the Conservation Commission were present. Following on a request to the Selectmen by the Lake Buel Improvement Association, the Department of Public Works was asked to start the processing of a dam for Lake Buel. From the first Dr. Coler stressed the urgency of this matter. The study of Lake Buel proposes to 1) define the problem; 2) predict long-term trends; 3) institute treatment methods; 4) measure the efficacy of the methods determined upon.

Dr. Coler has stated that he would be available in the summer of 1976 to do a similar study of Lake Garfield if this should be requested of him by the Town. The Lake Buel Improvement Association stands ready to assist Lake Garfield property owners in setting up such a study.

"Fun Bus" to Visit Monterey Area

A "Fun Bus" sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Center for Non-Formal Education will be in the Monterey area from June 16 to June 30. The group in the Fun

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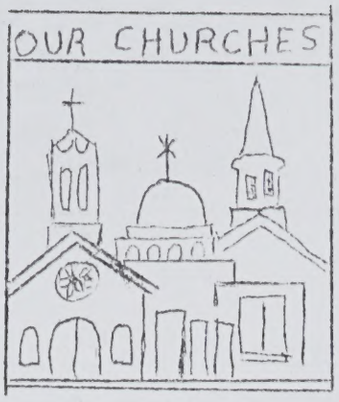


CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Dion is out of the hospital and will return after Labor Day. Hopefully the chapel will open in early July. Meanwhile Masses continue to be held at the Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. . . . Confirmed on Pentecost, May 18: Sylvia Brallier, Arthur Hebert and Warren Thomson. . . . Married on May 19: Nancy Clark and Donald McCullers.

Summer Program — The Parish Council decided to try continuing the morning worship through the summer at 10:30 a.m. this year. . . . The church will seek to use "summer people" in its programs and planning as much as possible in the coming months. . . A church-community potluck supper is planned for Tuesday, July 16. Community singing is to be the program.

Restoration Program — The phase of the Bicentennial Celebration Restoration Program involving the sanctuary of the church is to be completed in the next several weeks. As is common in many restoration programs -- "you never know what you are going to find underneath." This happened. The committee felt that a sound, thorough job was of the essence. Consequently, at a meeting of the congregation on June 22 following morning worship the Parish Council is recommending that the church authorize expenditure up to $7,000. This is an increase of $2,000 over the original figure.

"Jesus Christ: God's Outlaw" — This folk opera by Stephen Rose and presented by himself and Lois, along with Larry and Alice Spatz at the Conference Annual Meeting in Boston this spring is to be presented in the Monterey Church on July 25. This is an event worth circling on your calendars. It will be an occasion in which we expect many from the area to be interested. Save the date.

N O L A B E L S

Here on a stone,
Beneath a tree,
Beside a stream,
I suddenly resent their names.

Language is man's unique device
For knowledge of the essence of a thing,
Yet everlastingly bars the way.

Now for an instant I would be

Wordless:

One with the secret silence of the stone,
Part of the inmost being of the tree,
Merged with the multitudinous rhythms of the stream.
Mingled with the light-drawn breath of earth.

Let them not come,
Oh, let them not return!
The scarecrow words that set to flight
The harbingers of nameless peace.

Patricia Howard

IN PRAISE OF FAILURE

What a dread we have of failing! If we fail in something we begin to feel like a failure ourselves. It is easy to assume that failure is totally negative and to imagine something has gone wrong with us when we fail.

I should like to question this obsession of ours with regard to failure. Indeed, I would ask us to consider the possibility that many of our failures may not be reflections of something disordered in our persons. Rather, our failures may turn out to be an important means of truing up our course in life. Viewed in this light my failure in something may serve the positive value forcing me to stop clutching at something which is not suited to me.

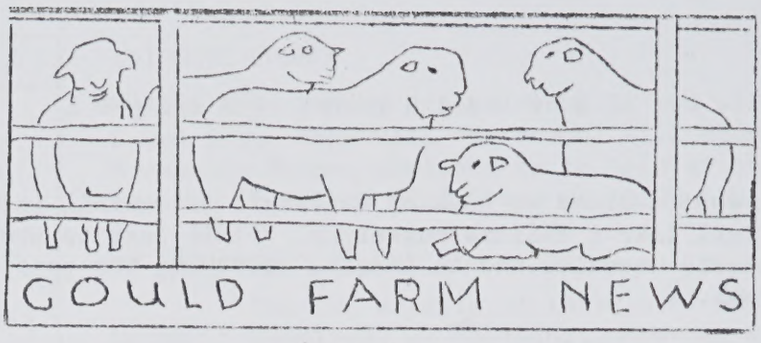
Most of us know instances in which others ultimately benefited by their failures. We have our legends concerning the uncle who went broke in two different ventures only to really come out on top in a third. Was this just happenstance? Maybe. Sometimes. Usually it is a lot more. It is related to the process of eliminating what doesn't fit or what doesn't work. There is the classic remark of Thomas Edison after someone tried to commiserate with him on a whole series of experiments that had failed. Undaunted he replied that they had made progress by finding that number of ways that wouldn't work. Thus, each failure was bringing success that much nearer.

My concern is to incorporate this way of seeing into the personal dimension. As a political figure Abraham Lincoln failed much oftener than he succeeded. Yet no one in his right mind would conclude that Lincoln, therefore, failed. The true greatness of Lincoln was refined through his tortured political course. His life is a dramatic statement on the constructive use that can be made of failure. Indeed, I believe that in all failure there is this positive dimension which is always available, yet because we are so brainwashed toward the goal of succeeding we too largely turn our backs on this important ingredient for developing our true selves.

As a counselor, I find that most people see no need for my services unless they are feeling they have failed in something. The marriage is going sour, the job is going wrong, things are at sixes and sevens within the persons themselves. There is something tragic in the view that the only reason we need to review our life and situation is because something is failing. If only we had a healthier view of failing, if we could recognize its real place in the life process, we would not need to drive ourselves so near the brink of disaster before we would begin to profit from our failures. We would hear the failure signals sooner, we would engage with them more actively and our growth would be steadier and less erratic.

Without some of our earlier successes eventually turning into failures we would neglect the large part of our potential. Once I was a crackerjack of a marble player, but I thank God that eventually this success began to fall away. It made me do more in life than fill up additional drawers with marbles. Yes, and other successes have fallen by the wayside. From where I stand now I thank God -- and the principle of failure -- that I was not allowed to become one-dimensional. From this vantage point I begin to see a deep wisdom trying to speak to me in every failure. To be sure, I will go on lamenting failure, resisting it, struggling to keep my head above the water. Yet taking the longer view I find myself grateful that something wiser than my conscious attempt to succeed seems to be operating in my life. It is humiliating to realize that I would thwart this "wisdom in failure" at every turn if only I could. Yet at those times when I am not in the immediate crucible of failing I find myself celebrating this mysterious force, so often presenting a sinister face and yet so frequently blessing me by dislodging me from my comfortable haven. How is it with you?

Virgil V. Brallier, Ph.D., Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



On Saturday, June 14, a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Farm. Attention was given especially to the matter of the new guest housing unit. A contract has been signed with the architect, Leroy F. Hallock, of Pittsfield. The site chosen is diagonally opposite the main building, down the road a bit toward the cottage of Dr. and Mrs. James Luther Adams. Detailed plans are now being prepared. Other matters of business discussed in committee meetings the night before were given further consideration by the Board. Directors attending these meetings included Dr. David Balderston of New York City, Dr. James Bell of the Berkshire School in Canaan, New York, Dolonel Laurence Bolvig of Dundee, New York, Dr. Virgil Brallier, Chairman of the Board, David Colt of Weston, Massachusetts, Mrs. Eva Pahnke of Bennington, Vermont, H. B. Pearl of Bayside, New York, and Robert K. Wheeler of Great Barrington. There are also two Directors resident at Gould Farm, Mrs. Sidney McKee and Mrs. Harold Winchester. Meetings of the Board are attended by Kent Smith, Executive Director and Edward Dunlop, Treasurer.

Several of the younger staff members who come for lengths of time varying from several months to a year have completed their stays at the Farm. Three new workers are Susan Hoch of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, whose home is on Fisher's Island, New York, Clark McKee of Earlham College, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and Peggy Stepnowski pf Danbury, Connecticut, recently a graduate of Plattsburgh, New York, State College.

Virgil Stucker, a staff member for the past three months, was recently awarded a fellowship leading to a doctorate in Criminal Justice at the State University of New York in Albany. The fellowship will cover all his expenses for the four-year period of study. Gould Farm will reluctantly release him September 1 from his work here.

Rose McKee

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On May 7 the 3rd and 4th degrees were conferred on 3 candidates. On May 21 members and friends enjoyed a musical program in charge of Olive McKay and the music committee. There were accordion selections by John Ramier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ramier, tap dancing by the two daughters of Charles and Mary Whitney, two of our new members, and piano selections by Laurence Richter. On June 4 an election of new officers was held. The results will be announced in the next issue of the MONTEREY NEWS. On June 18 members will go on a mystery ride. The Youth Committee recently donated a hand-made sofa pillow for a prize for the card party benefit to the Cummingfield Activity Center and a gift for the bazaar for Lee Senior Citizens.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians will have their annual picnic on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Shaw. Bring food for sharing with others. Those wishing to swim are welcome to come early and bring their bathing suits.

Marie Brallier
President

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — The Brownie troop, under the leadership of Mrs. Pizzichemi, has ended its activities for the season. The girls received their Brownie pins at the local Court of Awards. The first year stars were presented to the girls at the Neighborhood Court of Awards at Monument Mountain School. Mrs. Pizzichemi plans to lead the Brownies again next year.

Juniors and Cadettes — On June 13 and 14 twenty-four girls from Monterey hiked and camped out on the Appalachian Trail. On the two previous Saturdays the girls got together at Camp Bigford to practice knots, cooking, fire building, erecting tents and laying a trail. Cadettes from Neighborhood 11 will be attending Camp Kennebrook for three days, starting on June 30. The Poppy Patrol will complete their Social Dependability and hopefully their Emergency Preparedness Challenge. Andrea Pizzichemi and

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Gwendolyn O'Connell will be leading the Cadettes in the fall. Mrs. Bynack will serve as advisor. Mrs. Maxine Labracque of Hartsville will be the new Junior leader for Hartsville and Monterey girls. A summer meeting will be held for early enrollment for girls in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. A canoe camping trip will be taken by Susan Andrus, Gwendolyn O'Connell and Joanne O'Connell. The trip will be partly on the river and partly overland in the Adirondack Mountains in New York State.

BOY SCOUTS

Cubs and Webelos

The last meeting of the year was held on June 13 with a picnic at Benedict Pond. Games were played and awards passed out. In the Cub Scouts David Gauthier received his Wolf Badge. In the Webelos: James Gauthier -- Artist, Naturalist, Sportsman, Outdoorsman; James Makuc -- Artist, Naturalist, Sportsman, Outdoorsman; Joey Hall -- Scientist, Artist, Naturalist, Sportsman, Outdoorsman; Ricky Andrus -- Aquanaut, Artist, Naturalist, Sportsman, Outdoorsman; Todd Clark -- Artist, Naturalist, Sportsman, Outdoorsman; Todd Beattie -- Artist, Naturalist, Sportsman, Outdoorsman. On June 20 and 21 the Webelos plan an overnight camping trip on the Appalachian Trail. Mrs. Maryellen Brown and Mrs. Pat Andrus will accompany the boys. Cub Scout Den 1 and Den 2 visited the Police Station in Great Barrington this past month. Mrs. Callahan of Hartsville will be the Cub Scout leader again in the fall.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Monterey Yankees' Little League have Mr. Leroy Thorpe and Mr. Robert Gauthier as coaches. The team plays twice a week with local games at Greene Park. The next local games for June are the 23rd and 26th.

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Roadrunners

We had our last meeting for the summer. Debbie Plimpton came down and showed two films to the club. One was "What the Judge Looks For in Equitation Classes" and the other was "Horse Psychology." The club will reorganize again in the fall.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

Results of the Monterey Horse Show held at Gould Farm on May 25 and sponsored by the businesses of Monterey were as follows: Susan Heath -- 2 trophies, 2 firsts, 1 second 2 fourths and 2 fifths; Peggy O'Connor -- 3 seconds, 1 fourth, 1 fifth and 1 seventh; Susan O'Connor -- 1 first, 1 second, 3 thirds, 1 fourth and 1 sixth; Mary O'Connor -- 1 first, 1 second, 2 fourths, 1 fifth and 1 sixth; Kristine Heath -- 3 trophies, 3 firsts, 2 thirds, 2 fourths and 1 sixth; Jessica Konigsberg -- 2 fifths and 1 sixth; Karen Gillis -- 1 trophy, 1 first, 2 thirds and 1 sixth; Dodie Heath -- 2 thirds, 2 fourths, 1 fifth and 1 sixth; Bob Heath -- 1 trophy, 1 first, 1 second and 1 fourth; Pat Andrus -- 1 trophy, 1 first, 2 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth and 1 sixth; Susan Andrus -- 2 trophies, 2 firsts, 4 seconds and 2 fifths; Karen Champigny -- 1 trophy, 2 firsts, 1 second, 2 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 fifth, 1 sixth and 1 seventh; Anna Thorn -- 1 sixth; Billy Thorn -- 2 thirds and 1 fourth; Brian Heath -- 1 sixth; Mary Theresa Heath -- 1 first; Amber Lynn Hall -- 1 second; Jennie Brown -- 1 seventh; Ellen Whitbeck -- 1 third; Monica Pizzichemi -- 1 fourth; Douglas Brown -- 1 fifth.

GENERAL 4-H NEWS

Members of the livestock club have attended three meetings on poultry. The first meeting was in Pittsfield on May 13. Mr. Frank Brown, Agway Specialist, discussed right feed and common diseases in poultry. On May 31 at Monument Mountain Regional School Mr. Bernard Radke, poultry raiser, exhibitor and judge, spoke on the early life of the champion bird. Such topics as hatching, setting, brooding management and decision to show were discussed. The last meeting, also at Monument Mountain, was conducted by Dennis O'Connor, a qualified judge. Mr. O'Connor talked on show birds, blood testing, filling out entry blanks and correct method of shipping birds to shows.

The 4-H capon project is well underway with 15 boys and girls receiving their birds on June 3. Each member receives 8 baby capons to raise until October. The project is sponsored by the Great Barrington Lions Club and the Sheffield Kiwanis for our town.

Kenny Heath and Pam Gauthier attended mini-camp at Camp Howe in Goshen, Massachusetts on the weekend of June 6.

The local 4-H clubs of Monterey this year plan on having a 4-H fair on August 23 in Greene Park. Games, food sale, craft table, animals and many, many more things are in store for the day. Please help to support the clubs by planning to attend.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

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Bus is composed of approximately 9 members and their plan is to give improvisational theatre with community involvement. There are actors, jugglers and puppeteers in the group, as well as workers. Volunteers and other actors are welcome to join. The methods employed by this group have been known to help solve community problems. Their headquarters while in this area will be the Arts Action Center, Grant City, Great Barrington. For further information call 528-9877.

MONTEREY COMMUNITY CENTER

Several different types of activities are planned for the coming summer. Principal among these is an ice cream stand to be set up in Greene Park in a structure presently located near the Hayloft Gallery. Leonard and Cynthia Weber, the owners, are willing to let the group have this structure for the purpose and Will Friedman has obtained a license from the Selectmen to sell ice cream. Volunteer help will be needed. Home-made ice cream is envisioned. A 30-cup coffee maker is also available. Hopefully sandwiches and other soft drinks will also be served. This should be ready to open on July 4.

Sing-alongs are being conducted approximately twice a month at the Nursing Home.

A program of showing movies is also planned but the locality has not yet been determined upon. Further announcements on this will be in the next MONTEREY NEWS.

Nora Simons, a local jeweller, has offered her home on Brett Road for dinner and art seminars at intervals during the summer. There are also plans for musical programs.

The Community Center Steering Committee will have an announcement regarding all the above activities, with dates, in the stores early in July. The committee meets every other Thursday in the church basement. The next meeting will be June 26. Interested townspeople are welcome to attend these meetings.

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